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SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, I would like to ask Senator Mills a question.

SENATOR MILLS: Yes.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Mills, did you talk with the Game and Parks Commission about this and ask them where it came on there priority list?

SENATOR MILLS: No, ma'am, I did not. I submitted a copy of the request to you, to Senator Marvel and to all members of the Appropriation Committee for you to look at that, to ask you for that proposal and that was it.

SENATOR MARSH: Would you be surprised to learn that the Game and Parks have not put that on their top priority...

SENATOR MILLS: I wouldn't be surprised at anything.

SENATOR MARSH: ...and that was why the decision was made not to include it this year in our financial year of crunch?

SENATOR MILLS: Senator Marsh, I am aware of the crunch. I am also aware that I am not so sure I care anything what the Game and Parks Division does. I could care less. I am asking for those people in the state, in the western part of Nebraska, for \$15,000. It happens to be run by the Game and Parks Division. Maybe it should have been done by the State Department of Education.

PRESIDENT: Senator George.

SENATOR GEORGE: Mr. President, members of this body, I am rising to support Senator Mills' amendment. I think we can give him one. He is a very, kind of an economic Senator. He votes right most of the time. I think this is the first time I hear him to spend something but, no, seriously, I think the problem...we have had this problem before. I am not surprised that the Game and Parks Commission does not put any priority on this project because it has nothing to do with hunting. It has nothing to do with fishing. It is a historical site and we should have, a long time ago, separated this and put it under the jurisdiction of the State Historical Society where these kind of projects belong to. Then it certainly would have had a priority. I think since this is the only one left in the state and we want to spend just \$15,000, we should certainly do it. I will support his amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I rise to support the Mills amendment. Senator Mills has asked for a modest legitimate request, a request that is in consistency with what we have done with these type of projects before. I think it is only fair and fitting that we do likewise for him. So I urge you to support the Mills amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I haven't supported much of Senator Mills' legislation this session and I feel that I should do so and certainly if Senator